GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Finance Department Budget Branch

No. 950-F.B.

Howrah, the 30th March, 2021

MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to say that the West Bengal Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2021 for the first four months of 2021-22 has been passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. Copies of the West Bengal Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Act, 2021 have been forwarded to the Administrative Departments under Finance (Budget) Department **Memo No. 949–F.B. dated 30.03.2021.**

The Governor has now been pleased to decide as follows:

- 2. To release fund relating to Administrative Expenditure for Salary Items (including Salary grants & Wages) up to 33% of the whole year's budget provision and Non-Salary Items up to 25% of the whole year's budget provision, subject to the amount provided under Vote-on-Account for the four months (April, May, June and July, 2021) of the financial year 2021-2022.
- 3. Within the powers delegated under Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1977 as amended from time to time or by virtue of the powers delegated in specific cases, the Administrative Departments / Controlling Authorities may sanction expenditure out of the Administrative Expenditure except in the following cases: i) 33-Subsidies and ii) 55-Loans & Advances.
- 4. To release fund relating to **State Development Schemes** for the four months (**April**, **May**, **June and July**, **2021**) of the financial year 2021-22 up to **25% of the whole year's budget provision** subject to the amount provided under Vote-on-Account. The Administrative Department may sanction expenditure in cases of administratively approved schemes **except** in the following cases for which concurrence from the Finance Department in Budget Branch will have to be obtained:
- **a).** Schemes relating to EAP, RIDF, NCDC, CRF, PMKSY, BADP, ACA under Article 275(1), TSP (relating to Tribal Development Department), RKVY, GLB (State Finance Commission), WBCETF, 15th Finance Commission.
- b). Central share and State share for all schemes including Other Centrally Assisted Schemes (OCAS) for which central assistance is available.
 - c). Release of fund under 33-Subsidies, 55-Loans and Advances, 54-Investment.

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- 5. To release fund relating to State Development Schemes as well as Administrative Expenditure under "55-Loans and Advances" for the four months (April, May, June and July, 2021) of the financial year 2021-22 up to 33% of the whole year's budget provision, subject to the amount provided under Vote-on-Account, for payment of salary / wages to the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings under the Administrative control of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles Department, Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Industry, Commerce & Enterprises Department, Transport Department, Health & Family Welfare Department and Public Works Department.
- 6. To release fund in favour of Transport Department against "33-Subsidies" upto 33% of whole years' budget provision of the financial year 2021-22, subject to the amount provided under Vote-on-Account, under the major head of account "3055-Road Transport" for payment of salary, pension and retirement benefits in respect of the employees of the Transport Corporations and also to release fund under "7055-Loans for Roads Transport" and "7056-Loans for Inland Water Transport" up to 30% of budget provision for the financial year 2021-22.
- 7. To release fund under State Development Scheme for 3 months requirement towards implementing the umbrella pension scheme named "Jai Bangla, 2020" out of Vote-on-Account Budget provision.
- 8. While issuing orders for sanctioning expenditure in exercise of the powers delegated under this Memorandum, the following sentence should be inserted in such orders "This order issues in exercise of the powers delegated under Finance Department Memo No. 950–F.B. dated 30.03.2021".
- **9.** The powers delegated to the Administrative Departments / Controlling Authorities to release fund are subject to the following conditions:
 - i) The project / scheme for which fund is to be released has been administratively approved following the existing procedure after obtaining concurrence of the Finance Department or Financial Advisor within the limit of Rs. 3 crore and Rs. 50 lakh, as the case may be, as per Finance Department Memo No. 1221-F(Y) dated 26.03.2021 read with Memo No. 3566-F(Y) dated 21.12.2020.
 - **ii)** The amount to be released can be accommodated within the allotted fund out of Vote-on-Account budget provision under project / scheme;
 - iii) There are no deviations -technical or otherwise from the approved norms;
 - **iv)**Restrictions on creation of posts, purchase / hiring of cars and other restrictions imposed by the Finance Department are to be observed.
- 10. This Order will be effective from 01.04.2021.

Sd/-

(Manoj Pant)
Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal



Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- 1. The Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
- 2. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
- 3. The Accountant General (R W & LBA), West Bengal, C.G.O. Complex, 3rd M.S.O. Building, 5th Floor, Block-DF, Salt Lake, Sector-I, Kolkata 700 064.
- 4. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, 8, Lyons Range, 2nd floor, Kolkata-1.
- The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary/Joint Secretary,
 Department.
- 7. The Commissioner,......Division
- 8. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kol-12.
- 9. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II, P-I, Hyde Lane Kolkata-73.
- 10. The District Judge......District.
- 11. The District Magistrate,.....District.
- 12. The Treasury Officer......Treasury
- 13. Software Development and Support Group, Finance Department, Budget Branch, for necessary software application in the Budget package of Finance Department.
- 14. Shri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance Department, for uploading this order in the Finance Department's Website.

15. Guard File.

(I. N. Kundu)
Special Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal